Punctuality index of Airlines

1. SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the punctuality index of Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot from June 25, 1991 till date; and

(b) what steps Government are taking to improve the punctuality of flights in all these undertakings?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The punctuality index of Air India, Indian Airlines and Vayudoot are given below:—

(i) Air India 78.50 per cent (for the period 25-6-91—18-8-91).

(ii) Indian Airlines 70.14 per cent (for the period 25-6-91—19-8-91).

(ii) Vayudoot 79 per cent (for the period 24-6-91—4-8-91).

(b) The punctuality of the operations is being closely monitored and timely remedial steps are being taken to impove the on-time performance of the airlines. However, there are fatcors beyond the control of the airlines which often affect the punctuality of their operations

Modern Navigational Aids at Airports

2. SHRI KRISHAN LAL SHARMA Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what is the number of airports at present which are without modern navigational aids;

(b) whether it is also a fact that Shiv Shankar Bhatt Commission had made recommendations in this regard;

(c) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(d) action being taken in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA):

(a) to (d) A statement is laid on the table of the House.

Statement

(a) The modernisation of equipment and upgradation of facilities at airports is a continuing process and is taken up in a phased manner, depending upon the requirements projected by the operators (Airlines) as well as availability of resources.

(b) to (d) The Court of Inquiry has recommended that it would be advisable to have at least Category I Instrument Landing System (ILS) installed at every airport in India and for every runway used by jet aircraft on scheduled services. The National Airports Authority is already installing Instrument Landing System (ILS) facilities at many airports in India. To install an ILS on every airport and on every runway would require heavy capital investment and an ILS may not be necessary in airports which are in frequently used.

Different Uniforms for Air India Crew on V.V.I.P. Flights

3. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Air India Management has instructed the cabin crew to wear different uniforms on special VVIP flights than those worne on the normal flights;

(b) if so, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether the cabin crew have suggested that there should be identical uniforms on all flights; and

(d) if so, the reaction of Government thereto?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Utilisation of Flying Hours for crew in Air India

4. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) what are the normal flying hours per month for the cabin crew in Air India;

(b) what is the actual utilisation of flying hours for male and female cabin crew;

(c) whether for certain periods there has been under-utilisation of flying hours per crew member;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) the steps being taken by the Air India management for optimum utilisation of cabin crew?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) The normal flying hours per month for the cabin crew in Air India are 50 hours per cabin crew.

(b) The average utilisation of male cabin crew per month is 36 hours; for the female cabin crew, it is 33.5 hours.

(c) No, Sir

(d) Does not arise.

(e) Air India are in the process of computerising the cabin crew rostering to improve scheduling efficinecy for improvement in utilisation of the crew.

Death/Hospitalisation of Air India Crew

5. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of flights pursers and air hotesses of Air India who have died or have been hospitalised while on duty during the last two years;

(b) the reasons for each such case of death or hospitalisation and the place of occurrence;

(c) the steps taken by the Management of Air India to prevent such occurrences in future;

(d) whether any inconvenience was caused to passengers as a result of these incidents; and

(e) if so, the details thereof and remedial measures initiated by Air India in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) A statement is enclosed.

(c) and (e) The mishaps are not related to any operational lapses. Air India runs regular programmes on health maintenance and first aid for its employees.

(d) No, Sir.